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Commissioner for Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231



## TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEW PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of:

	Inven	rs: Sarah METCALFE, Lisa CARLIN, and Kurt A. ZAREFOSS					
	For:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS IN A SUPPLY CHAIN					
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To limit It He down He that the	2.	The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:  Pages of Application including:  Pages of Disclosure  Pages of Claims (4 Independent – 42 Total)  Page of Abstract; and  Sheets of drawings containing 9 Figures  The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S).					
	3.	Declaration for Patent Application <b>OR</b> Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  Enclosed and is newly executed by all inventors.  Enclosed in this continuation/divisional application and is a copy from a prior application (37 CFR § 1.63(d).  Not Enclosed.  This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).  Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the timeset for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.					

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- 9. Small entity status
  - Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is claimed for this application.
- 10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION							
	Number Filed	Number Extra		at Rate of		Basic Fee Utility \$740.00 Design \$370.00	
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	42 - 20 =	22	\$	18.00 each=	+\$	396.00	
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	4 - 3 =	1	\$	84.00 each=	+\$	84.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s), i	\$	280.00	+	0.00			
				SUB-TOTAL =	+\$	1,220.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity					-\$	0.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE =					\$	1,220.00	

- 11. Fee Payment
  - Not Enclosed. NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.

    This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

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Enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$\sqrt{s}\$ for the filing fees and a check for the Assignment fee of \$\sqrt{s}\$ are enclosed.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

13.	Additional papers enclosed:					
		Nonpublication Request pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.213 Combined Power of Attorney by Assignee and Certificate under 37 CFR § 3.73(b) Change of Correspondence Address Preliminary Amendment Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO- 1449, documents as listed Declaration of Biological Deposit Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.				

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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